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GANGS OF NEW YORK.

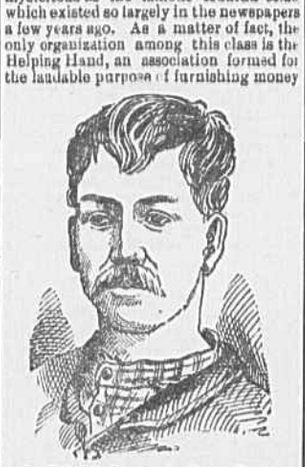
NATURE OF ORGANIZATION.

Young Men and Boys who Band Together for the Purpose of Petty Thieving and Robbery—How They Work the simple-hearted Country Cousins.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—When you or I, my respected reader, gather our friends about us for the purpose of social amusement, when we discover that certain members of the gathering are congenial spirits, and when, as is the usual result, these congenial spirits seek each other's society and find entertainment in each other's company the little coteries thus unconsciously formed are called "cliques," or "sets," or "succles." "He" or "she is not in our set" often means more than an hour's diatribe from the lips of a pretty woman, and "they move in one succle of sassiety" is equally conclusive to an observer of human nature. There are tacitly acknowledged leaders in these sets and succles, but organization, other than that which is instinctive in man as a gregarious animal, is unknown.

When, however, our numerous and not very highly esteemed fellow-townsman who moves in that class of society which affects Blackwell's Island as a summer resort or make prolonged stays on the bank of the Hudson, gathers with a number of spirits congenial and friendly, the gathering is called a "gang" in the imaginations of members of cliques, sets and succles. These gangs have organizations as complicated and governments as mysterious as the famous Kuklux Klan which existed so largely in the newspapers a few years ago. As a matter of fact, the only organization among this class is the Helping Hand, an association formed for the laudable purpose of furnishing money



and political influence to keep its members out of jail. To this end they hold raffles, balls and picnics and are active workers at the polls. The rest of the gangs are mainly composed of young men and boys who congregate in various loafing grounds throughout the city. Some of the younger and more dime novelesque affect an organization in imitation of the Dead Rabbits and the Bowery Boys of other days.

The recent arrest of the captain of the Whyos for murder has renewed the interest of the New York police in these organizations.

Probably the best known of these gangs of the present day is the Whyo gang, which is composed of the Irish-American hangers-on of Mott, Pell and Baxter streets. I say "hangers-on" because, as they spend so large a proportion of their time on Blackwell's Island and in Sing Sing, they can hardly be dignified with the title of residents. They are mainly athletic young fellows, ranging from 18 to 20 years of age, and they rarely have any regular employment. How they pick up a living is a good deal of a mystery. They can be seen any evening hanging around the doorways of the tall tenements on Pell and Baxter streets, drinking stale beer from tin cans and making night hideous with their howls. In the old days when the Five Points was in its meridian as the cesspool into which the very dregs of the vice and crime of the metropolis drained, the Whyo gang was of some importance in criminal matters. Unsophisticated countrymen were lured into the dark alleys and knocked down and robbed. Burglars and cut-throats made the great tenements their headquarters; there was a certain freemasonry among them, and their "Whyo," the peculiar cry they used to announce the coming of the police, gave the name to the gang. Now their crimes are confined to robbing children, beating Chinamen and sneak thieving, relieving the dull monotony of their existence by stabbing each other, and occasionally, all too infrequently, however, getting hung.

They are all opium smokers, and it is quite possible that the use of the Eastern drug incapacitates them for more daring crimes, though, in fact, all the New York gangs are cowards, individually and collectively. Their crimes are cowardly crimes, robbing children and drunken men, bullying degraded women out of a larger part of their shameful earnings, and occasionally committing a more serious crime under the stimulating influence of "velvet room" whisky. They rarely are guilty of intentional murder, and are seldom mixed up in any premeditated burglary. Now that the Five Points have been cleaned out and large business houses built on the sites of many of the old rookeries the Whyos have lost their prestige.

As one goes down toward the river front the gangs are more numerous and aggressive. Two of the worst, are the Peck slip gang and the Dover dock gang. They are both composed of dock rats and small river thieves. Their favorite game, however, is among the drunken sailors who frequent the dives of Water and Cherry streets. Their methods are simple and in the main peaceable enough. One or two of them strike up an acquaintance with a half inebriated Jack Tar, and by some means or another lure him down on one of the long docks which jut out into the river. Here they work the growler industriously until poor Jack is in a drunken stupor, when he is quietly robbed of all he has, clothing, money, everything, and he is left nearly naked on the pier. Sometimes he resists, and then he is knocked on the head and thrown into the river, but these cases are comparatively rare. Cherry street whisky generally does the work without resort to violence. This is the general method of procedure among all the gangs which frequent the river front on both the east and west sides of the city. Over on the Washington Market side, however, there is a crowd which can hardly be called a gang, as they generally work in twos and threes. They work within a narrow territory and single out farmers who come in from Jersey to dispose of their produce as they prey. The police allege that they resort very frequently to chloroform, administering the drug while the driver of the load of produce is asleep on his wagon. In cases of this kind the horse, wagon and load disappear altogether, for the time, at least. The thieves take the marketable goods up across town, and, having disposed of them, the produce, the horse and wagon is left near some police station. The victim awakes from his lethargy, hunts up his vehicle, which has been taken in charge by the police, and as, of course, he is unable to identify the thieves, the matter has to be dropped. The vigilance of the police has, in a great measure, stopped this game, however, and the market gangs now content themselves with stealing odd bundles of produce off the farmers' carts when the owners are not looking.

All along West street there are scattered crowds of lawless vagabonds always on the lookout for some opportunity to steal. It is these fellows who snatch old ladies' pocketbooks and handbags, and sometimes commit more daring crimes

I have a young friend, a grain broker. Some time ago he chanced in at the Sub-Treasury during a sale of condemned specie bags. The idea struck him that here was just the thing to carry his grain samples in, and accordingly he bought a number of them. A few days later, while going down West street at midday with a couple of his new sample bags in each hand, he received a stinging blow under the ear which knocked him into the gutter. He just looked up in time to see two burly ruffians running down the street, throwing his grain bags into the street as they ran. They undoubtedly mistook him for the messenger of some large concern returning from the bank with money to pay the hands in specie sacks. But similar cases of highway robbery occur in every large city, and it is impossible to place them as the work of any regular gang.

There is hardly a precinct in the city which has not the quota of vagabonds and party thieves, but as I suggested in the beginning of this article, the gangs as they are generally imagined to exist are organized and maintained only in the imaginations of the sensational correspondent. The Twenty-ninth Precinct used to be a rendezvous for this class of small criminals, but Captain Williams has succeeded in making that locality as uncongenial a quarter for evil doers as there is in the city. The same can be said of the Eighth, once one of the worst precincts in the city, since "Lightning Charlie" McDonnell took charge. A few of the old resorts still exist, such as Battle Row and Hell's Kitchen, two great tenement houses on Thirty-ninth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, some of the big tenements in Elizabeth and Crosby streets and around a few of the Bowery and East Side dives. But they are kept in pretty close subjection by the police. New York with all its evils of municipal government has a pretty good police force, composed of fearless men, who do their duty conscientiously. Organized crime is a thing of the past.

Petty offenders, vagabonds and loafers naturally drift together like chips in eddys of the maelstrom of the metropolis, but they have no cohesion. They are still separated bits of driftwood on the ocean of life, though rubbing shoulder to shoulder. When one is arrested the newspapers like to make a sensation by asserting that he belonged to that or this gang. The only time when the gangs are to be found is when they organize sufficiently to get up excursions, balls or picnics. These are always scenes of license and crime, though as a cynical friend remarked: "They only kill each other, so let them go on. The more they kill the better for honest men."

New York is a great city, and its contrasts are sharp and shocking. Squalor and misery enough to furnish material for the most sensational London novelist or playwright; but after all its crime is not out of proportion to its size. As a Western man said: "It's a pretty good little town, as towns go." ALLEN FORMAN.

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GOVERNMENT BONDS—Have been dull with 4½s ¼ percent lower.

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STATE BONDS—Dull and steady.

RAILROAD BONDS—Quiet and generally firm; sales $1,193,100.

STOCKS—The stock market to-day, except for the first few minutes, was decidedly strong, and the volume of business, as compared with the previous days of the week, was about doubled. The strangers were decidedly the feature of the day. The opening was very tame, but prices showed advances of from ¼ to ¾ percent generally. There were some slight recessions in the early trading from the opening figures, but these were afterwards recovered, and a dumb but generally firm market existed until noon.

In the afternoon, however, under the leadership of St. Paul, the market became more active and stronger, and without a reaction continued to advance until the last half hour, when realizations caused some slight recessions from the best prices. The market, however, closed firm at about the best figures reached. Everything on the active list is higher tonight, and St. Paul and Union Pacific are up 1½ percent each, Lake Shore 1¾, New York Central 1¼, Louisville & Nashville, Northern Pacific preferred, Omaha and Oregon & Transcontinental 1 percent each, and others fractional amounts.

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STOCK QUOTATIONS—Closed bid: Adams Express, 140; American Express, 106; Canada Southern, 45; Central Pacific, 42; Chesapeake & Ohio, 8; do first preferred, 15¾; do seconds, 9; C., C., C. & I., 58; Denver & Rio Grande, 30; Erie, 32½; do preferred, 74; Fort Wayne, 147½; Kansas & Texas, 31¾; Lake Erie & Western, 111; Lake Shore, 87½; Louisville & Nashville, 45¾; Louisville, New Albany & Chicago, 54; Memphis & Charleston, 36; Michigan Central, 81; Missouri Pacific, 109; Nashville & Chattanooga, 66; New Jersey Central, 55½; Northern Pacific, 27½; do preferred, 50½; Chicago & Northwestern, 115½; do preferred, 142; New York Central, 110½; Ohio Central, —; Ohio & Mississippi, 24½; do preferred, 90; Pacific Mail, 57½; Pittsburgh, 151½; Reading, 25½; St. Louis & San Francisco, 29¾; do preferred, 59½; do first preferred, 116½; C., M. & St. Paul, 93½; do preferred, 121½; Texas & Pacific, 14¾; Union Pacific, 57; United States Express, 62; W., St. L. & P., 19¾; do preferred, 34¾; Wells-Fargo Express, 125; Western Union, 66½.

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Flour, receipts 22,635 barrels; exports 7,235 barrels and 5 630 sacks; low grades firm; medium and choice brands dull and in buyers' favor; sales 12,800 barrels; common to good extra western and State $2 70a3 20; common to good extra to choice $3 00a4 75; common to choice extra St. Louis $2 70a5 00. Wheat, receipts 257,300 bushels; exports 16,491 bushels; spot lots a shade lower, with less doing; options depressed and ⅛c lower, closing heavy at bottom rates; sales 2,104,000 bushels of futures; 268,000 bushels of spot; No 2 spring 67c; ungraded spring 81c; ungraded red 83 88½c; No. 3 red 86c; No. 1 red 93c; No. 1 white 89c; mixed winter 86c; ungraded white 88 90c; No. 2 red September 86½ 87½c, closing at 86½c; October 88½ 89½c, closing at 88½c; November 90 90½c, closing at 90c; December 91½ a92½, closing at 91½c; January 93 93½c, closing at 93c; February 94½c, closing at 94½c; May 98½ 99½c, closing at 98½c; June 99½c. Corn, spot lots a shade and options ½c lower, closing heavy; receipts 61,950 bushels; exports 18,358 bushels; sales 824,000 bushels of futures; 96 000 bushels of spot; ungraded 51 52½c; No. 2 September 50¾ 51½c, closed at 50¾; October 51½ 51¾c, closed at 51½c; November 52½ 52¾c, closed at 52½c; December 52½ 53½c, closed at 52½c. Oats firm; receipts 82,300 bushels; exports 20 000 bushels; sales 295 000 bushels of futures; 136 000 bushels of spot; mixed 32a34c; white do 35a41c. Hay firm and in fair inquiry. Coffee, spot fair; Rio firm at 10½; options 5a10c higher and active; sales 65,500 bags; September 9 05a9 10c; October 9.05c; November 8 95 9.00c; December 8.95 9 00c; January 9 00a9 05c; February 9 05a9 10c; March 9 10a9 15c; April 9 15 9 20c. Sugar dull; Trinidad 4 9c; refined quiet and steady; yellow 4½a4¾c; standard A 5¾c; mould A 6 1-16a6½c; cutloaf and crushed 6 5-16a6¾c; powdered 6 5-16a6½c; granulated 6c; cubes 6 3-16c. Molasses steady. Rice in fair demand and steady. Tallow weak. Rosin steady. Turpentine steady at 35c. Eggs firm and in good demand; receipts 2,376 packages; western 15½a16c. Pork steady but quiet; sales 200 barrels; mess quoted at $10 50a10 75 for old; $11 25a11 50 for new. Cut meats steady; pickled bellies 6¼a6½c. Lard unsettled; September opened 5 points higher, closed with the advance lost; later deliveries 5a7 points lower; western steam spot 7.75c; September 7 70a7 75; October 7.13a7.18c; November 6 87a6 90c; December 6 83c; city steam 7.20c. Butter firm and in fair inquiry. Cheese firmer and in good demand; western flat 8¼c.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 3.—There was a firm opening in wheat today, but the tone of the market was downward. The starting price was 78⅝c for October, and advanced quickly to 78¾c, but fell off slowly to 78¼c, and closed on the regular board at inside prices. The feeling was again heavy on the afternoon board, with free selling and closed for the day at 77⅞c under the top figures of the day. Corn market heavy: October started at 43c and fell off to 42 5-16c, closing at that figure at 1 o'clock, and fell off to 41 3-16c in the afternoon. Oats easy and closed a shade lower. Pork ruled strong early; October touching $10 45 early, but declined to $10 20 in latest trading. Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat opened strong, but closed weak at ½c lower than yesterday; sales ranged: September 76½a76¾c, closed at 76¼c; October 78¼a78¾c, closed at 78¼c; November 78¼a78¾c, closed at 78¼c; May 87a87½c, closed at 87½c; No. 2 spring 76a76¼c; No. 2 red 77¼a78c. Corn weaker and ½a¾c lower; cash 40¼a40¾c; September 40 1-16a41¼c, closed at 40 1-16c; October 42 5-16a43c, closed at 42 5-16c; November 43¾a44¼c, closed at 43¾c; May 47¼a48c, closed at 47¾c. Oats dull and easy; cash 25½c; September 25¼ 25¾c, closed at 25¾c; October 27¾c; May 32¾a32¾c, closed at 32¾c. Rye steady; No. 2, 49c. Barley steady; No. 2, 59c. Flaxseed steady; No. 1, $1 09½. Mess pork was strong early but declined and closed at yesterday's figures; cash $10 15; September $10 15a10 35, closed at $10 15; October $10 25a10 45, closed at $10 45; November $10 15a10 27½, closed at $10 12½a10 15. Lard firm; cash and September 7.50a7 52½c; October 6 80a6 85c, closed at 6 80a6.82½c. Bacon, short rib steady; cash 6 60c. Boxed meats steady; shoulders 6¾a6¾c; short clear 6.65a6 70c. Whisky steady at $1 15. Sugar unchanged. Butter continues firm; creamery 15a22c; dairy 13a16c. Eggs 13c.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 3.—Wheat, western lower; No. 2 winter red spot and September 85¼a85½c; October 87a87½c; November 88½ asked. Corn, western higher and dull; mixed spot 49c bid; September and October 49½ asked; steamer 48¼a48½c. Oats firm and quiet; western white 33a35c; do mixed 30a32c. Rye steady and firm at 54a57c. Provisions firm and fairly active. Mess pork $11 25a11 75. Lard, refined 7½c. Butter firm; western packed 10a15c. Eggs higher and active at 16a17c. Coffee firmer; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair 9¾a10½c.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 3.—Wheat steady; cash and September 81c; October 81¼a81½c; November 83½c; December 85½c; May 92½c. Corn steady; cash 47½c. Oats neglected. Clover seed weak and lower; cash and September $4 95; October $5 00.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 3.—Flour easy. Wheat stronger; No. 2 red 78½c; receipts 18,000 bushels; shipments 11,000 bushels. Corn easier; No 2 mixed 43c. Oats easier; No. 2 mixed 27½a27¾c. Rye firm; No. 2, 50¾a55c. Pork dull at $10 50. Lard quiet at 7 00c. Bulk meats firm and higher; short rib 6.75c. Bacon scarce and higher; shoulders 7.00c; short rib 7.50c; short clear 7.75c. Whisky active and firm at $1 10. Butter, sugar and cheese steady. Eggs easier at 12½a13c.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept 3.—Flour steady but quiet. Wheat dull; No. 2 red September 86a86½c; October 87½a87¾c. November 88¾a89c; December 90a90½c. Corn dull and weak; speculation is wholly nominal; No. 3 high mixed on track 50c; steamer No. 2 mixed at grain depot 49½c; steamer No. 2 high mixed on track 50c; No 2 mixed September 49½a50c; October 50½a51c; November 50¾a51½c. Oats, good demand for spot; market firm; No 2 mixed 33c; No. 3 white 33½a34½c; No. 1 white 36a36½c; futures steady but quiet; No 2 white September 34¾a35½c; October 35½a35½c; November 35½a36½c; December 36a37c. Eggs firm and fair demand; fresh 16½a17½c. Cheese firmer and good demand; Ohio flats choice 8½a8¾c; do fair to prime 7½a8c.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—The *Drover's Journal* reports: Cattle—Receipts 57,000 head; shipments 4,000 head; market stronger; shipping steers $3 20a5 25; stockers and feeders $2 00a3 25; cows, bulls and mixed $1 50a3 00; bulk $2 00a2 40; Texans $2 50a3 25; western rangers slow; natives and half-breeds $3 00a3 50; cows $2 50a2 75. Hogs—Recieptn 16,800 head; shipments 3,000 head; market stronger early, closing weak; rough and mixed $4 00a4 80; packing and shipping $4 80a5 12½; light $3 75a4 85; skips $2 50a3 75. Sheep—Receipts 4,000 head; shipments none; market slow; common weak; natives $2 00a4 00; Texas $1 75a2 70; lambs $4 00a5 30.

EAST LIBERTY, PA., Sept. 3.—Cattle—Receipts 261 head; shipments 247 head; market nothing doing; no shipments to New York. Hogs—Receipts 190 head; shipments 220 head; market active; Philadelphias $4 90a5 05; Yorkers $4 70a4 80; grassers $4 50a4 60; 11 cars shipped to New York. Sheep—Receipts 1,800 head; shipments 800 head; market very dull and nothing doing.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 3.—Hogs steady; common and light $3 85a4 60; packing and butchers' $4 40a4 80; receipts 1,000 head; shipments 875 head.

Petroleum.

OIL CITY, PA., Sept. 3.—Opened at 61⅝c; highest 61⅝c; lowest 61½c; closed at 61⅝c; sales 573,000 barrels; clearances 980,000 barrels; charters 51,305 barrels; shipments 99,278 barrels.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Sept. 3.—Petroleum active and firmer; opened at 61½c; closed at 61½c; highest 61⅝c; lowest 61½c.

BRADFORD, PA., Sept. 3.—Opened at 61⅝c; highest 61⅝c; lowest 61⅝c; closed at 61⅝c; clearances 598 000 barrels.

TITUSVILLE, PA., Sept. 3—Opened at 61½c; highest 61⅝c; lowest 61½c; closed at 61⅝c.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Petroleum steady; United 61⅝c.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The personal demand at first hands has been more moderate, but through new orders and deliveries on old ones a large business has been effected, with the tone of the market very strong.

Wool.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Wool firm and moderately active; domestic fleece 20a38c; pulled 14a35c; Texas 9a25c.

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